



**MINUTES OF THE
MISSOURI MINING COMMISSION MEETING
LACHARRETTE CONFERENCE ROOM
LEWIS AND CLARK STATE OFFICE BUILDING
1101 RIVERSIDE DRIVE
JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI
MARCH 26, 2015**

Chairman Gregory Haddock called the meeting to order on March 26, 2015, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department of Natural Resources, Lewis and Clark State Office Building, LaCharrette Conference Room, located at 1101 Riverside Drive, in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Commissioners Present: Dr. Gregory Haddock, Chairman; Mike Larsen, Vice Chairman; Commissioner Aaron Jeffries; Commissioner Leslie Gertsch; Commissioner Joe Gillman; Commissioner John Madras.

Staff Present: Kevin Mohammadi, Staff Director; Sharon Thompson, Secretary to the Commission; Bill Zeaman; Larry Slechta; Greg Snellen; Daniel Wedemeyer; Lesley Branch; Brock Wilson; Rosie Schulte; Cole Hough; Ashley Harrison; David Dowdy; Guy Frazier; Mike Mueller; Brent Willeford; Tucker Fredrickson

Others Present: Thais Folta, Attorney General's Office, Counsel to the Commission; Danny Lyskowski, General Counsel's Office, Department of Natural Resources; Steve Rudloff, MLPA; Chris Thiltgen, Capital Quarries; Len Meier, Alton Field Division Chief, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE); Adam Hardesty, OSMRE; Joy Schieferstein, OSMRE; Jerry Prewett, Deputy Division Director, Missouri Geological Survey.

Approval of November 20, 2014 Commission Meeting Minutes

Agenda Item #2

Commissioner Madras made a motion to approve the November 20, 2014, Meeting Minutes with one minor correction being the addition of the meeting dates for 2015. Commissioner Gertsch seconded the motion including the minor correction. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the November 20, 2014 Closed Commission Meeting Minutes

Agenda Item #3

Commissioner Madras made a motion to approve the November 20, 2014; Closed Commission Meeting Minutes with one minor correcting being on page two, in the second paragraph, hearing office should have been hearing officer. Vice Chairman Larsen seconded the motion including the minor correction. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Presentation of the 2014 National Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Award for small projects

Agenda Item #4

Len Meier, Alton Field Division Chief, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) presented the Land Reclamation Program the 2014 National Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Award for small projects. His presentation also included a video showing the 5 Abandoned Mine Land programs throughout the United States that received awards in 2014 and why. The Commission thanked him for his report.

Activities Report for Calendar Year 2014

Agenda Item #5

Kevin Mohammadi, Staff Director of the Land Reclamation Program, reported on this agenda item to the Commission. This report is required by the 2001 changes to the *Land Reclamation Act*. Director Mohammadi presented the Commission with the total income, total expenses and number of employees, permits, active sites, bond releases, inspections, enforcement, public meetings, and hearing requests during calendar year 2014.

Vice Chairman Larsen asked about the number of public meetings that were held in 2014 and wondered if that was more than usual? Also, what was the fiscal impact on the program? Mr. Mohammadi stated that other than the employee's time and expenses, there were some overnight stays involved, but the meetings over all were very beneficial. The public gets the opportunity to have their questions answered without having to attend a Commission Meeting.

White Rock Quarries – Formal Complaint #2735

Agenda Item #6

Bill Zeaman, Non-Coal Unit, presented this request to the Commission. After giving a brief permit history including expiration dates of the permit, Notice of Violation and a multi-media referral to the Attorney General's Office, the staff requested that the Missouri Mining Commission issue Formal Complaint #2735 to White Rock Quarries for failure to renew permit # 0937 for the 2014 permit year.

Vice Chairman Larsen asked if there had been an actual onsite inspection. Mr. Zeaman stated that yes, Larry Slechta of the Land Reclamation Program, had been there last week and the gate is closed, there is a for sale sign up and there is no evidence of mining or rock crushing going on. There was also no evidence of offsite impact. Vice Chairman Larsen also asked about the \$25,000.00 bond for this site. Mr. Zeaman stated that he contacted the bank last October and the

CD is still there. This should be enough money for the reclamation project since there is not that much disturbance out in the field.

A motion was made by Commissioner Larsen to approve the request for issuance of a Formal Complaint against White Rock Quarries. Commissioner Gertsch seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Open Pit/Blasting Regulation video

Agenda Item #7

Bill Zeaman, Non-Coal Unit, presented this video to the Commission. The purpose of this video is to inform the public of land reclamation requirements for open pit mining operations as well as information about the Missouri Blasting Safety Act. This tool will be used at public meeting to clarify the Land Reclamation Program's role at industrial mineral open pit mine operations. The Commission thanked him for his video.

Map Viewer – Data Georeferencing Project

Agenda Item #8

Greg Snellen, Abandoned Mine Land Unit, reported on this agenda item to the Commission. In early 2014 Staff Director Mohammadi requested that Abandoned Mine Land Unit (AML) staff work on making the locations of past AML projects accessible to the public. Early projects were manually drafted and later projects were designed in AutoCAD; copies were kept on paper plan sheets. After the year 2000, the files were stored in electronic format as well. Staff, Greg Snellen and Daniel Wedemeyer, spent a considerable amount of time and resources scanning and georeferencing projects prior to 2000 and exporting the data from AutoCAD DWG files into ArcMap. The exported projects were compared to several years of aerial photos, topo maps, road layers, and stream layers to ensure the maps were placed as accurately as possible. The Land Reclamation Program then partnered with ITSD and our program's public information officers to develop an online portal that would be accessible to the public. As of now, the online AML portal is nearing launch with an AML project boundary layer that incorporates all projects from 2000 to present. This portal will be accessible to the public and be of particular interest to county government offices. We hope to provide quality and accurate information which will prevent someone from unknowingly purchasing or excavating a reclamation site. In 2015 AML staff plan to add the remaining project sites prior to 2000 to the beginning of the reclamation program and add a layer for shafts that have been closed. The Commission thanked him for his presentation.

Summary of Industrial Mineral Bond Release Requests Approved by the Program Director

Agenda Item #9

Larry Slechta, Non-Coal Unit, reported on this agenda item to the Commission. There was no action required by the Commission. This summary was provided for the Commission's information.

Commissioner Larsen noted that Waste Corp. in Pettis County was not listed on the Memo. Mr. Slechta stated that yes it should have been, it was just overlooked. The Commission thanked him for his report.

Abandoned Mined Lands Status Update

Agenda Item #10

Greg Snellen, Abandoned Mine Land Unit, reported on this agenda item. Mr. Snellen gave a brief overview of the projects the Abandoned Mine Land Unit is working on. There was no action required by the Commission. The Commission thanked him for his report.

Introduction of New Staff, Cole Hough and Ashley Harrison

Agenda Item #11 & #12

Mr. Bill Zeaman, Non-Coal Unit Chief, introduced new staff members, Cole Hough and Ashley Harrison to the Commission. The Commission welcomed Cole and Ashley to the Land Reclamation Program.

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Comments from the Public

Agenda Item # 13

Steve Rudloff, Missouri Limestone Producers, wanted to congratulate the Program on receiving the 2014 National Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Award for small projects from the Office Surface Mining. He also wanted to compliment the Program on the creation of the Blasting Video. The Commission thanked him for his comments.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

A motion was made by Commissioner Gertsch to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jeffries seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman